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Visit The Children's Museum For Free On the First Sunday of Each Month, a Public Service Sponsored by AETNA

West Hartford, CT (February 13, 2007)...The Children's Museum (formerly Science Center of Connecticut) will be open free of charge to the general public on the first Sunday of every month for one year, as a result of a \$25,000 grant provided to the museum by Aetna.

"We feel that this program will be an educational asset to the greater Hartford community. It gives us great pleasure to provide this opportunity to families and children so they can take advantage of all the exciting things The Children's Museum has to offer, without worrying about the cost," said Marilda Gándara, President of the Aetna Foundation.

"How wonderful it is that Aetna is enabling the museum to open its doors free of charge to the community we serve. The first Sunday of the month for free program will make it possible for more children and families than ever to experience the wonders of science and nature through our exhibits, live animals, and floor programs," said President and CEO Edward J. Forand Jr.

The free Sunday program begins March 4th and the museum is open noon to 5 pm. The next free exhibit admission day will be Sunday, April 1. The program will continue through February of next year.

The Children's Museum is committed to igniting the curiosity of young people through science and nature. In addition to the museum and the Gengras Planetarium, the organization includes the United Technologies Wildlife Sanctuary, Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton, and The Children's Museum Preschool, one of the oldest preschools in the country. The Children's Museum serves close to 200,000 people annually, and is the fifth oldest children's museum in the country, and Connecticut's largest museum.

Located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford, the museum is accessible from I-84 Exit 43 and offers free parking. For more information, visit the website at

www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org .

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